

# OLDEST, YOUNGEST, LARGEST, SMALLEST IN 1998...

Oldest Bride: 93 years
Oldest Groom: 96 years
Oldest Mother: 47 years
Oldest Father: 76 years
Oldest Male Decedent: 106 years

Youngest Bride: 13 years
Youngest Groom: 15 years
Youngest Mother: 12 years
Youngest Father: 14 years
Highest Birth Order: 21

Oldest Female Decedent: 118 years Largest Live Birth: 6747 grams (14 lbs. 14 oz.)

## **EACH DAY IN LOUISIANA IN 1998...**

183 Live Births110 Deaths1 Fetal Death33 to teens aged 15 through 1932 from heart disease2 Infant Deaths82 to unmarried mothers26 from cancer31 Induced Abortions19 low weight births5 from unintentional injuries108 Marriages

48 cesarean sections 5 from unintentional injuries 3 from motor vehicle injuries

2 from homicide

## LOUISIANA AND THE UNITED STATES IN 1998...

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Vital Event	Louisiana	States
Live Births		
Birth Rate per 1,000 population	15.3	14.6
Teen Birth Rate per 1,000 women aged 15 through 19	65.2	51.1
Percent of total births to Unmarried Women	44.8%	32.8%
Percent of total births with 1 <sup>st</sup> Trimester Entry into Prenatal Care	82.3%	82.8%
Percent of total births that were Low Weight (<2500 grams or 5lbs. 8oz.)	10.1%	7.6%
Percent of total births delivered by Cesarean method	26.0%	21.2%
Fetal Deaths		
Fetal Mortality Rate (20+ weeks gestation)	7.1	N.A.
Deaths		
Age-Adjusted Death Rate per 100,000 1940 Standard Population for:		
Heart Disease	149.4	126.0
Cancer	143.5	122.9
Stroke	29.9	25.0
Accidents	39.4	28.5
Diabetes	25.8	13.6
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	20.8	21.6
Pneumonia and Influenza	11.5	13.5
Homicide	14.3	6.9
HIV Infection	8.1	4.6
Nephritis	7.7	4.5
Infant Mortality	·	
Infant Mortality Rate	9.1	7.2

### **SUMMARY OF VITAL EVENTS IN 1998**

#### **POPULATION SUMMARY**

- State population: 4,368,967
  - Louisiana has the 22<sup>nd</sup> largest population among the fifty states. After a loss in population during the late 1980s, the number of people living in Louisiana has risen to levels seen in the early 1980s.
- Percent of population in race group: 66.1% white, 32.2% black, 1.7% other race. The national breakdown by race is 82.5% white, 12.7% black, and 4.8% other race.

## LIVE BIRTH SUMMARY

- Number of births: 66,773
  - This is an increase of 1.3% from the 65,947 births in 1997. This number is far below the 1982 high of 84,531 births.
- Birth Rate: 15.3 live births per 1,000 population
  - This is the fourth lowest state birth rate in this half century. The 1995, 1996, and 1997 rates of 14.7, 15.0, and 15.2 were slightly lower.
- Fertility Rate: 66.6 live births per 1,000 women aged 15-44 years

The fertility rate has dropped 17.0% since the 1981 rate of 80.2, and 7.0% since the 1991 rate of 71.6.

- Number of births to teens aged 15-19 years: 11,989
  - This is almost the same as the 11,931 births to teens aged 15-19 that occurred in 1997.
- Birth Rate in teens aged 15-19 years: 65.2 live births per 1,000 women aged 15-19
  Although there is little change from the 1997 rate of 66.1, the birth rate for 15-19 year olds has fallen substantially during the 1990s, with a drop of 14.1% from the 1991 rate of 75.9.
- Percent of births to unmarried women: 44.8% of total live births
  - This is a slight increase from the 1997 figure of 43.8%. The number of 1998 out-of-wedlock births is 17.0% higher than its 1991 level of 38.3% of total live births.
- Percent of live births receiving prenatal care in the first trimester: 82.3% of total live births

  The percent of live births receiving prenatal care in the first trimester has risen steadily during the 1990s, up

  9.7% from its 1991 level of 75.0% of total live births.
- Percent of live births less than 2500 grams: 10.1% of total live births
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  - In recent years, Louisiana has seen a steady rise in the percent of low weight births, up from 9.4% of total births in 1992, 9.6% in 1994, and 9.9% in 1996.
- Percent of live births delivered by cesarean section: 26.0% of total live births
  - Final 1998 data collected by the National Center for Health Statistics report that Louisiana had the second highest rate of cesarean deliveries in the country.

# SPONTANEOUS FETAL DEATH SUMMARY (20+ weeks gestation or 350+ grams)

## Number of fetal deaths: 495

This is a decrease from 1997's 509 fetal deaths. It continues the gradual decline that began after a 1988 high of 624 fetal deaths.

• Fetal Mortality Rate: 7.4 fetal deaths per 1,000 live births plus fetal deaths.

The fetal mortality has seen little change during the 1990s.

#### INDUCED TERMINATION OF PREGNANCY SUMMARY

Number of induced terminations performed in Louisiana: 11,351

This is a decrease of 388 from the 11,739 terminations performed in the state in 1997.

## **DEATH SUMMARY**

Number of deaths: 40,209

This figure is slightly higher than the 1997 death count of 39,917, and it continues the slow, steady increase in the number of deaths in the state over the past two decades. (There were 35,172 deaths in 1978 and 37,582 deaths in 1988.)

Crude Death Rate: 920.3 deaths per 100,000 population

For the past five years, the crude death rate has remained stable, at approximately 912 deaths per 100,000 population.

Ten Leading Causes of Death - - Crude and Age-Adjusted Death Rates

The ten leading causes of death and their associated rates are:

Cause of Death	Crude Rate per 100,000 Population	Age-Adjusted Rate per 100,000 1940 Standard Population
Heart Disease	270.8	149.4
Cancer	213.6	143.5
Stroke	57.7	29.9
Accidents	44.0	39.4
Diabetes	41.7	25.8
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	35.8	20.8
Pneumonia and Influenza	25.2	11.5
Nephritis	14.3	7.7
Septicemia	14.0	7.7
Homicide	13.6	14.3

#### **INFANT MORTALITY SUMMARY**

#### Number of infant deaths: 606

Although the past 20 years has seen a steady overall decrease in the number of infant deaths (in 1980 there were 1175 infant deaths, and in 1990 there were 796), in 1998 there were 23 fewer deaths than the 629 that occurred in 1997.

## • Infant Mortality Rate: 9.1 infant deaths per 1,000 live births

The 1998 infant mortality rate was lower than the 1997 rate of 9.5. During the 1980s, there was a steady decline in the state's infant mortality, from 14.3 in 1980 to 11.5 in 1989. In the 1990s this rate of decline has slowed.

## MATERNAL MORTALITY SUMMARY

## • Number of Maternal Deaths: 2

During the 1990s, the number of maternal deaths each year has fluctuated between 2 and 14. Since 1990, there have been 60 maternal deaths.

## MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE SUMMARY

# Number of Marriages: 39,544

This is a decrease of 48 marriages from the 39,662 marriages that occurred in 1997. During the 1990s, the number of marriages each year has fluctuated around 40,000.

# Number of Covenant Marriages: 609

This is the second year in which Louisiana residents have been given a choice between a traditional marriage and a covenant marriage. This choice became available to Louisiana residents on August 14, 1997.

## • Number of Divorces (reported by 45 out of 64 parishes): 12,526

Because divorce reports were submitted by 70% of the 64 parishes in Louisiana this year, divorce counts are underreported.